

BIMETALLIC LEAGUE.

Address to the People of the United States.

A STATEMENT OF THE ISSUES ON WHICH THE NEW PARTY WILL ORGANIZE—THE MONEY QUESTION.

WASHINGTON, March 5.—The following was today issued by the American Bimetallic League:

The money question is now indisputably the most important issue in the United States, and will remain so until settled rightly. Other questions, however important, must wait for the Senate. The issue is between the gold standard, gold bonds and bank currency, on one side, and the metallic standard, no bonds and government currency, on the other.

First—On this issue we declare ourselves to be unalterably opposed to the single gold standard, and demand the immediate return to the constitutional standard of gold and silver, of the restoration by this government, independently of any foreign power, of the unrestricted coinage of silver and gold into standard money at the ratio of 16 to 1 and upon terms of exact equality, the silver currency to be full legal tender equal with gold in payment of all debts, public or private.

Second—We hold the power to control and regulate a paper currency inseparable from the power to coin money, and hence that all currency intended to circulate as money should be issued and volume controlled by the general government only and should be legal tender.

Third—We are unalterably opposed to the creation of United States internal banking banks in time of peace and demand the payment of all coin obligations of the United States as provided by existing laws in either gold or silver coin at the option of the government and not at the option of the creditor. On this issue we appeal from the dictation of the power to the intelligence and patriotism of the American public.

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The signers of the declaration of independence held that recent reforms for the opinions of mankind required that reasons should be given for dissolving the bonds that had bound the colonies to Great Britain so we who find it necessary to sever our relations with the political parties with which we have been connected and form a new alliance in a common cause, do now declare that some of the reasons which induced us to this action should be submitted to a candid public.

The monetary reform for which we contend, as above set forth, is, in our judgment, so vital to the common welfare and so necessary to a return of conditions of prosperity in this country as to preclude longer delay in the inauguration of a movement, the purpose of which is to bring together all who believe in the principles of the proposed reform, the time chosen for action is now.

Third in favor of the gold standard and have been invited to propose and action. Party lines do not divide them when this issue is raised. Differences on other questions are then laid aside and together they "in well becoming ranks march all one way."

On the other hand those who are in favor of a return to the constitutional standard of gold and silver are split into many divisions as there are parties. Silver Republicans from the west and south, to the delight of the leaders of the Democratic party, insist on contending for the election of a candidate of the party, and northern and western Democrats, earnest silver men, equally to the delight of leaders of the Democratic party, continue the contest on their part only within the lines of the Democratic party. In other words, the advocates of the bimetallic standard, through the unrestricted coinage of silver as well as gold, now contend for their cause in organizations which are controlled by the gold party.

"The power is in your hands, to right the wrongs of 1873 and to save yourselves and your children from the irritation which the gold standard policy, if persisted in, will surely bring upon you and them."

We pray you, therefore, not to let the settlement of this question go beyond the election of 1896, but subordinating all questions for the time being to this supreme issue, settle this now and settle it for ever.

And we especially urge upon you the importance of immediate organization in townships and counties throughout the country for the purpose of carrying on this great movement for the common good of all.

Signed by the following executive committee appointed by the bimetallic conference called at Washington, February 22, 1895:

A. J. Warner, president American Bimetallic League; chairman; John P. Jones, United States senator; William M. Stewart, United States senator; J. L. McLaurin of South Carolina, Anson Wolcott of Henry Jones of Georgia, J. C. Green of California, Jacob Shedd of Connecticut, C. J. Hillyer of the District of Columbia, Byron E. Skear of Colorado, Mortimer Whitehead of New Jersey.

If the conference had authority from the people to name a candidate for President it would name Joseph O. Shibley, of Pennsylvania, but not having such authority, it can only angre the name and invite expressions from the people by petition, resolutions or otherwise, believing nominations would reflect in the most direct manner the will of the people, uncontrollable by census machinery or professional politicians.

Position or letters endorsing this view should be addressed to General A. J. Warner, chairman of the executive committee, American Bimetallic League, Suite building, Washington, D. C.

A committee, consisting of the following named gentlemen, was appointed to select a provisional national committee, to consist of one member from each state and territory and the District of Columbia, to take charge of this movement in the various state and territorial legislatures: General A. J. Warner, chairman; Hon. William Stewart, Henry Jones of Georgia, Hon. Francis Newlands of Nevada, Hon. Anson Wolcott of Indiana and Hon. J. L. McLaurin of South Carolina.

The Platte Canal.

LINEOON, Neb., March 5.—The first step in the building of the Platte canal was taken when the senate voted in favor of the Platte canal bill and general irrigation bill. This action, when concurred in by the house and by the governor, will give the city of Omaha the right to build and own the canal, which is proposed waterway for irrigating power by diverting the waters of the Platte river.

LOS ANGELES KICKS.

Business Men Object to a Board Managing State Institutions.

LOS ANGELES, March 5.—At a special meeting of the board of directors of the board of trade and the Merchants' Association held today resolutions were adopted condemning the Seymour state bill which contemplates the creation of a board of directors to manage all the state institutions with the power to veto any legislation for supporting, and requiring, any public pension, or any other retirement, and the like.

Telegrams were also sent to Assemblyman Bulla and Lowry requesting them to use every effort to defeat the passage of the bill.

Senator Mathews was also notified by wire of the action taken. It is claimed that the passing of the bill will entail a loss of at least \$100,000 annually to the merchants of this city, as it is intended to give to San Francisco merchants all the contracts for the institutions of the entire state.

German Husbandry Council.

BRUNN, March 5.—The German husbandry council held here today. The Prussian minister of agriculture, Herr Von Hammerstein, gave an address complimenting the council upon the thorough manner in which it dealt with husbandry questions.

Baron Von Gotta offered a resolution demanding the removal of the most favored nation treatment to countries outside of Europe.

Concerning with Germany, the eventual establishment of a strong and independent Europe, an international settlement of the currency question and the immediate adoption of measures for raising the prices of cereals for a state monopoly of cereals.

PRISONERS SENTENCED.

ONE TO LIFE IMPRISONMENT AND ONE TO 25 YEARS.

The Fire Fiend at Salinas—Two Fires Occurring in One Night.

SALINAS, March 5.—Judge N. A. Dorn sentenced H. M. Shay to life imprisonment at San Quentin today for the killing of Eugene Mason last November in the southern part of this city. The jury brought in a verdict of murder in the second degree. Judge Dorn also sentenced L. Lutino to twenty-five years at San Quentin for rape, committed last October near Salinas.

The fire fiend is again operating here, two fires occurring last night. The first was the barn belonging to the estate of Bick Pomeroy. The barn contained 150 tons of baled hay belonging to a Swiss who had left at noon for San Francisco to sell the hay. The second fire was the private establishment of Judge William Vanderhurst, which also contained hay. The whole of both houses and contents were destroyed.

It is stated that the Swiss had insurance on the hay, but what amount cannot be ascertained.

Ex-Confederate—Geford, Simpson, Voorhees.

Karl changed his vote and gave notice of reconsideration.

Simpson's bill providing for the organization and government of townships was refused passage, but notice of reconsideration was given. Similar action was taken on Coleman's bill authorizing land titles. Bills were passed authorizing municipal corporations to join with irrigation districts in developing water supplies; amending a law relating to foreclosures of mortgages.

IN THIS ASSOCIATION.

SACRAMENTO, March 5.—The bill that has passed the senate known as the Confini claim directing the San Francisco supervisors to pay John J. Conlin \$61,575, an old street contraction claim, was refused passage by a vote of 35 to 34.

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By a vote of 55 to 110, the bill appropriating \$275,000 to pay coyote scalp claims, which was refused passage yesterday, was reconsidered and was passed.

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HINTS FOR RAISIN GROWERS,
A Correspondent Expresses His Opinion.

From the *Republican*—Anxious to represent the raisin industry, I wrote letters to a number of eastern brokers who deal extensively in California fruit to elicit their views of the situation and to obtain suggestions from them as to how we should market our raisins. Only a few of these brokers, such as we have, have made any reply. The answers received are interesting and yet they are about what I might have expected to receive. They show plainly that a majority of the growers who would not sacrifice are unsatisfactory for the sacrifice of the crop during the past few years. Honest brokers cannot enter the market in a legitimate business way. The raisin trade is a disorganized business from grower to consumer, and no one thinks us cheap raisins. The consumer does not get them at a very low price. These dealers say, "We do not consider a pound of raisins," "systematize the marketing of raisins and we will get a fair price for our product," "you will afford us no protection, for you can expect none from us," "you make speculators of us when we wish to do a legitimate business in raising as we do in other product," "If you can't work together then you must not expect us to work together, as it is impossible," "You seem to prefer to deal with unprincipled brokers. These send their agents to your towns and canvass your vineyardists. They learn who are your innocents in the business and who need money badly."

The growers on the verge of bankruptcy have become reckless and are ready to do anything to raise money. These speculators are backed by enough of these unprincipled brokers to enable them to secure several carloads of raisins at low figures for cash and fair promises. The unscrupulous broker uses these raisins to break the market. He will often sell even below cost until the market becomes demoralized. Reputable commission brokers will cease to buy except to fill pressing orders during the holiday trade. Packers competing with each other give the market and make ruinous prices for the grower. While the honest commission brokers will not buy the crop, the latter source of ready supply of raisins at low prices, on which he makes a great deal of money. So much on the tricks of trade for which silly growers and competing packers are to blame.

Again, we are in placing our crop extensively in the hands of the packers, from whom we borrow money. These packers cannot control the market unless they can secure the whole crop, or at least a controlling portion, say three-fourths, of the whole. There are also heavy outlays for packing, freight and other expenses.

Selling the market organized they are compelled to stop their business; as they compete with each other, sacrificing the grower's interests.

Now it is humiliating to have such criticisms on our common sense, our humanity? But it is just what we know, and the kind of answer we expect to receive from honest men. If there were any purchasers in the field I would have sold out and forever have closed my mouth on the San Joaquin raisin business rather than make any such appeal to old eastern friends for so simple information.

Is it not bad to see so many poor families suffer, when enough growers can come together and elect directions, to compete with them? No doubt but a convention of growers will be called together in due time. Prepare for it, organizing in every small district, or I see that you send us delegates to your next annual meeting, not to fight over the past, but to organize and elect a board of growers, no packers, as our directors, who have a mutual interest in growers. These would have but one interest to serve, and could have no inducement to eat profits. These directors could be well paid a portion of what they receive. They would come together with funds for all money needed, and all raise together if best, and divide to every grower his proportion as fast as the second hand are made.

MINNEWAWA.

A Birthday Party.

Night before last, A. J. Dillingham invited a number of his friends to spend the evening with him at the residence of Dr. P. N. Russell in Fresno. There were present Drs. G. H. Aiken, E. F. Jones, Jessie D. Hayes, Mrs. Hart, W. M. Haydon, W. H. Winslow, and J. L. Moore, T. E. Meier, C. N. Hinsdale, and C. R. Riddle, Dr. F. J. Barnard, and B. G. Wilby of Selma, Dr. Star, King Church of Modena, and Medical Student Barr of Modena. Dr. Haydon read a paper on the subject of obstetrics, which was followed by a lengthy and animated discussion.

Later in the evening Dr. Russell entertained the society at the old Home Sweet Home Club House on J Street. Mrs. Hayes and Mrs. Clark serving as waiters, and the party was served at the conclusion of the game.

AMUSEMENTS.

At the Barton Opera house tonight the Shaw & Ormsby Company appeared in "Rin Van Winkle," with Mrs. Shaw as tip.

Frederick Ward and Louis James will play their annual engagement in this city at the Barton Opera house.

Mr. and Mrs. Summers, Mrs. Avery, Misses Annie Brown, Sallie Avery, Anna Gruen, Minnie Goins; Messrs. J. N. Ross, John Phillips, George Hancock, Parker Foster, William Avery, S. A. Parfitt, Miss H. H. Minnie Jones, M. Bedford, and W. W. More.

North Side Whist Club.

The North Side Whist club met at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Shaw on North L Street last evening, and were delightedly entertained. Many good scores were made, Mr. Shaw leading with fifty-two points. The best prize was awarded Frank M. Romaine who lacked one point of tying the host, Frank Bedford, whose reputation as a whist player is as wide as the county, distinguished himself by winning the booty prize with a score of twenty-eight points. Refreshments were served at the conclusion of the game.

COURT NOTES.

A. S. Collins of Colusa is in town. L. H. H. is over from Modena.

L. R. Ella of Modesto is in Fresno.

John J. White is in San Francisco.

H. H. Winslow of Oakdale is in town.

G. B. Watts is down from Modesto.

O. L. Hartough of Toll House is in the county seat.

O. J. Meade is on a business trip to the bay city.

D. P. Curtis and wife of Redding are in the county seat.

George E. Arbram came down from Stockton last night.

J. R. Turner of Riverdale is registered at the Grand Central.

Mrs. E. T. Skidmore of San Francisco is in town.

W. H. Thomas of San Francisco is registered at the Hughes.

Prof. F. Kenyon of Sentinel, was in the county seat yesterday on business.

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Highest Honors—World's Fair.

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PRICE'S CREAM BAKING POWDER

MOST PERFECT MADE.

A pure Grape Cream of Tartar Powder. Free from Ammonia, Alum, and other adulterants.

40 YEARS THE STANDARD.

According to the old church can, the Christmas festival lasted from Christmas Eve to Feb. 1, by which date all the decoration must be removed from the church.

Received this 4th day of March, 1895, by the

W. B. Chittenden, Herrington, Adams, Springfield, Church.

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